

KNOX GETS CORDIAL GREETING IN PANAMA

High Officials and a Cheering Crowd Meet Him on His Landing at Colon.

MEETS PRESIDENT CHIARI

Elaborate Programme of Entertainment—Nicaragua and Guatemala Offer Welcomes.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.
PANAMA, Feb. 27.—Secretary of State Knox and party arrived at Colon on board the United States cruiser Washington early this morning. They were met and welcomed by all the American and Panamanian officials at that place. A salute of thirteen guns was fired as the vessel neared her way into the harbor. Then a committee which included representatives of Col. Goethals, the chairman of the Isthmian Commission, boarded the vessel and greeted the Secretary of State. The party landed at the Government dock at 8 o'clock. They were met by a number of municipal and Government officials, who offered greetings. A large crowd of American residents and citizens of Colon cheered the Secretary of State, as he stepped on shore. H. Percival Dodge, United States Minister to Panama, and William W. Anderson, secretary of legation, who had gone on board the Washington to greet Secretary of State Knox, accompanied him as he landed. A band on the quay played the "Star Spangled Banner," all present raising their hats in salute.

Official introductions followed, the United States Minister introducing to Mr. Knox the Panamanian Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Aristides Arjona; Rafael Arosemena, the Governor of Colon, and other prominent persons. Gov. Arosemena delivered a short speech of welcome to which Mr. Knox made an impromptu reply, saying that he bore a message of good will and friendship from the President and people of the republic of the United States to the republics of Central and South America and that he was much touched at the kind reception with which he had been greeted at his first stopping place.

The ceremonies lasted a considerable time. Then the party had breakfast and it was 10 o'clock before the Secretary of State with his party reached the railroad station and stepped aboard a special train for Panama.

At Tivoli the train was met by acting President Chiari and the members of the Panamanian Cabinet, who were escorted by a squadron of troops. There was an exchange of formal visits between the Presidential party and the American Secretary of State, after which the train proceeded to Panama.

The visitors took dinner this evening with H. Percival Dodge, the American Minister to Panama.

Secretary Knox and Secretary of the Interior Fisher met here and talked over the announcement by Col. Roosevelt that he would accept the Republican nomination for the Presidency.

Secretary Fisher, who has been making an inspection of the Canal, intends to start on his return to the United States to-morrow. He will go home by way of Jamaica and Cuba. The Panamanian Government offered entertainments in his honor, but Mr. Fisher declined all official or private functions.

The committee of reception has prepared an excellent programme for Mr. Knox's visit. The people of Panama exhibit the best disposition toward Mr. Knox and extend a cordial welcome to him, thus showing appreciation of the honor extended to Panama by making this republic the first selected for a visit. It is expected that the visit will carry exceedingly pleasant remembrance of the hospitality of the Panamanians. The programme for to-day included a banquet and reception at the American Legation. A large number of people were invited to attend.

To-morrow morning an excursion will be made to old Panama, with a trip to Panama Bay. The party will take luncheon with Gov. Thatcher of the Canal Zone. In the afternoon there will be a reception at the Presidential mansion, when Secretary Knox will meet all the distinguished men and women of Panama. In the evening will be the Government banquet at the Grand Hotel, where 180 couples will be laid.

Other entertainments will be given on Thursday in the event of sufficient time. Secretary Knox and his party will sail for Port Limon, Costa Rica, late Thursday afternoon. He will leave Costa Rica for Nicaragua via Punta Arenas on board the cruiser Maryland.

SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Nicaragua, Feb. 27.—The day of the arrival of Secretary Knox in Nicaragua is to be proclaimed a public holiday throughout the republic. Mr. Knox is to be received with Presidential honors during his visit. The Government will present him with a medal specially cast in commemoration of the event.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Mr. Hitt, the American Minister to Guatemala, reported to-day that the Guatemalan Government is making elaborate preparations for the entertainment of Mr. Knox on his arrival there. A most cordial reception is anticipated.

Secretary Knox cabled to-day to the White House from Colon his acceptance of an invitation to speak in San Francisco May 2. He will address the directors of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition and the allied boards of trade of the city on the subject of South and Central America, and it is expected will tell of his trip to the Central American republics.

BRITISH ARMY TO FLY.

New Estimates Contemplate \$550,000 Expenditure for Aeroplanes.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Feb. 27.—The estimates for the British army for the financial year 1912-13 total \$139,300,000, an increase of \$50,000 over the year 1911-12. The entire increase is due to proposed expenditure on military aviation.

In a memorandum accompanying the estimates Viscount Haldane, Secretary of War, says that a complete military aviation school with a full complement of aeroplanes and necessary workshops will be established at an early date on Salisbury Plain.

The sum of \$500,000 is to be expended on the acquisition of aeroplanes alone.

Pope Excludes Hobbie Skirts.
Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
ROME, Feb. 27.—The Pope issued a decree to-day barring hobbie skirts from all papal receptions. Recently the pontiff announced that church dignitaries must not attend social functions where décolleté gowns are worn.

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YUAN ACCEPTS AND IS SEEKING BIG LOANS

Evades Question of Going to Nankin to Be Sworn In as China's President.

MONEY FOR REBEL SOLDIERS

Negotiation With Four Power Group of Bankers Develops Easy Conditions for Financial Relief.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
PEKING, Feb. 27.—The republican delegation informed Yuan Shih Kai to-day of his election to the Presidency of the republic.

Yuan expressed his appreciation of the honor and his willingness to accept the position. In his reply he emphasized the need of cooperation among the different factions in the realm and the desire and necessity of preserving friendly relations with the foreign Powers.

The delegation asked Yuan to take the oath of office at Nankin. The President said he would discuss that question later, but it appears from the present situation that he will certainly go to Nankin sooner or later.

The delegation was greeted with a greater show of enthusiasm of the people than Peking has seen since the revolt began despite the momentous events that have occurred beginning with the grant of the Constitution and ending with the abdication of the throne. The delegation when entering the city used the gate which of old was retained solely for the Emperor's use.

The Government and the Four Power financial group will soon discuss the question of a loan. It is planned to advance to the Government for the present only enough funds to enable it to carry itself through until a complete organization has been effected and foreign recognition has been obtained. Then a really big loan will be made.

The suit monopoly and the land tax will be put up as security for the temporary loan. The foreign bankers will not require foreign control of certain projects as a condition of the loan, but the Government has declared it to be its purpose to employ voluntarily foreign advisers who will assist in the collection of the revenue and the administration of the Government finances and projects.

REPUDIATE GOMEZ.

Gomez Issues Decree Defying Cuban Veterans—Fears of an Uprising.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
HAVANA, Feb. 27.—President Gomez signed a decree to-day annulling the law which suspended the operation of the civil service and gave the veterans an opportunity to force the guerrillas out of office. The veterans express themselves as disgusted with this act of the President, as many men who sympathized with Spain during the war for independence are still in office.

A committee of Congressmen who are supporting Gov. Asbert for the Liberal nomination for the Presidency visited President Gomez to-day. It is the latter's support of the candidacy of Asbert that caused the resignation of Speaker Ferrara of the House. The committee informed President Gomez that they had determined to accept Speaker Ferrara's resignation. The President replied that if they accepted Ferrara's resignation as Speaker they would also have to accept his as President.

The Asbertists then withdrew and held a meeting at which they adopted a resolution declaring that they were determined to accept the resignation of Col. Ferrara and also had decided to repudiate President Gomez.

The eastern end of the island is very much disturbed. Scores of men are mysteriously missing from various towns. This fact has aroused the suspicion that preparations are being made for an uprising. The Government's armed forces are being held in readiness for any contingency. The veterans and the negroes are both causing uneasiness just now.

U. S. HOTELS CHEAPEST AND BEST

But European Cuisine Is Far Ahead, Says Manager Merry.

Special Wireless Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, via Glace Bay, Feb. 27.—Mr. Merry, the manager of the syndicate which is building the Taft hotel in New Haven, the McAlpin in New York and the Arlington at Washington, will sail for New York to-morrow after an investigation of European hotels.

He said to THE SUN correspondent to-night that there was nothing to learn from Europe so far as commercial hotels are concerned, but the delicacies of the cuisine in Europe were far ahead of anything in America.

For physical comfort and cheapness the American hotels were far ahead of the European ones, he said.

HOUSEKEEPING FOR WOMEN.

Women's Congress in Berlin Would Make Training a Condition of Marriage.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
BERLIN, Feb. 27.—At the opening of the Women's Congress to-day Frau Kthne advocated a proposal that all German women be compelled to spend a year in domestic training.

They are to be legally debarred from marrying unless they have a certificate showing that they have fulfilled this duty.

ENGLAND HOPEFUL THE MINES WON'T CLOSE

Federation of Coal Workers Confers With Premier Asquith and Ministers.

SOME OPERATORS WEAKEN

Parliament May Pass Minimum Wage Bill—Troops in Readiness to Quell Riots.

Special Wireless Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, via Glace Bay, Feb. 27.—The settlement of the coal crisis, if such is to be the outcome of the present negotiations, has been postponed until to-morrow, when all the parties to the controversy are to have another conference with the members of the Cabinet. To-day's conferences ended this evening with a more hopeful feeling prevailing among those who are anxious to obtain an adjustment of the present trouble and prevent what is now generally characterized as a disaster to British prosperity.

The Miners Federation after a short meeting to-day went in a body in response to the invitation of Premier Asquith to the Foreign Office, where they discussed the situation with Mr. Asquith, Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary; Sydney Buxton, the President of the Board of Trade; Sir George Ranken Asquith, the Comptroller-General of that body, better known as its strike adjuster, and others. Later on the delegation returned in a body to its hall and sent a small committee to confer with the Government representatives. This committee agreed to return to-morrow for further conferences.

The Cabinet members also conferred with representative mine owners. While all the parties to the negotiations are reticent it is apparent that to-day's conferences tended rather toward than against a settlement and a hopeful feeling prevails that the Miners Federation will exercise its authority to-morrow and postpone the strike, which is set for midnight on February 29.

The desire to strike is so strong in many mining communities that 20,000 men quit work to-day, making 30,000 in all who are now out.

Coincident with these displays of unwillingness to compromise scores of big manufacturers which are dependent on getting their coal supply from week to week notified their employees that they would shut down in the event of a coal strike. Others even closed down their works, believing that a coal strike is certain. About 75,000 men are involved in this line of action.

The situation has given rise to sensational reports which are bound to affect the popular apprehension. One of these, which was circulated by the *Westminster Gazette*, a paper which is supposed to be close to the Government, was to the effect that if the present negotiations for a settlement fail the Asquith Cabinet may pass a bill establishing the minimum wage as a legal principle.

Another sensational aspect to the outlook was given by the circulation of a pamphlet, which is regarded as authoritative, saying that the miners intend to force a strike in order to compel the Government to take over the mines. An indication of this purpose by the socialist section of the laborers was given last week.

It is now known that the Government is making active preparations to use troops in the event of trouble. They have already hired buildings in the mining centers. Rioting is expected in South Wales, where the feeling is intense among the miners, who are bitterly opposed to any concession to the mine owners. The pamphlet advocating the idea of compelling the Government to nationalize the mines emanated from South Wales. It is accepted by the newspapers as showing the existence of a powerful plot.

Among the stories current to-day was one that Premier Asquith had informed the miners at the conference that D. A. Thomas, a very wealthy operator of South Wales, had agreed to accept the main demands of the employees. The majority of the coal owners outside of South Wales have shown a willingness to make similar concessions. Another story was that Asquith had driven the operators into line by threatening to resort to adverse legislation. Asquith announced, it was said, that he would force a bill through Parliament fixing a minimum wage scale for all underground workers. This action would enable the miners to win the principal concession for which they were contending.

The *Star* says it is authorized to state that the mine owners of Scotland, Durham, Northumberland, Lancashire and Yorkshire have agreed to grant the minimum wage rate.

FRANCE GROWING IMPATIENT.

Will Organize Morocco Protectorate if Spain Doesn't Come to Time.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.
MADRID, Feb. 27.—Reports received here from Paris are to the effect that France is impatient at the slowness of the Franco-Spanish negotiations in regard to Morocco. Unless an agreement is arrived at shortly France will be compelled to organize the administration of the new protectorate and appoint a resident-general before the agreement has been concluded.

ALGERIAS, Feb. 27.—The troop ship *Canalinas* has gone to Melilla with cavalry and detachments of the rifle brigade and artillery on board.

GRAVEDIGGERS ON STRIKE.

Glasgow Cemetery Men Want More Pay and Shorter Hours.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
GLASGOW, Feb. 27.—Declaring that they were unable to support their families because of the high cost of living the gravediggers in the three principal cemeteries of Glasgow went on strike to-day.

They demand more pay and shorter hours.

DROWNED IN CONGO STREAM.

Belgian Government Steamer Deliverance Sinks—32 Lives Lost.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
BRUSSELS, Feb. 27.—Press despatches say that thirty-two of the passengers and crew of the steamboat *Deliverance*, a Government vessel plying on the Kwango River on the borders of the Belgian Congo, were drowned yesterday. The vessel sprang a leak in deep water and went down before a landing could be made.



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Foreign Office Sends Cablegram to Effect Arrests Followed Plot.

DEAL WITH MISSIONARIES

Authorities Negotiate With Heads of Presbyterian Mission Following Action.

The Japanese Consulate-General here has received the following cable from the Foreign Office of Japan touching on the reported arrests of teachers and students of a Presbyterian mission school in Corea:

In June of last year (1911) the Japanese authorities in Corea discovered that a conspiracy originally begun three years before by a group of persons including some teachers and students of the Shin-Syong Academy in North Pyong-ando, and other Christians, as a rallying centre, was in progress with a view to the assassination of the Japanese Resident-General, the Governor-General, leading Korean statesmen and others, with the purpose of the ultimate restoration of the old Korean regime.

North Pyong-ando and its neighboring districts, South Pyong-ando and Ywang-chai-do, had never entirely submitted to the administrative authority of the Korean dynasty, and have been noted for the unruly temper of the inhabitants. Up to the present more than a hundred suspected conspirators have been arrested, and of these fifty sent to the Seoul Law Court. The fact of the conspiracy has been admitted as established beyond all doubt by the confessions of the accused and through the numerous weapons seized. It has also been made clear that the accused are closely connected with the conspirators of the group of An-ming-kon, the assassin of the late Prince Ito, who was executed last year, and with the would-be murderers of Yi Kwang-yong, former Premier of the Korean Government.

The leaders of the present conspiracy were among the teachers and students of the Shin-Syong Academy and a majority of those involved in the case confessed to being believers in Christianity. Their arrest, however, had nothing to do either with the church or their faith. In spite of this plain fact, some of the missionaries affected by this affair are reported to have been disseminating various hypotheses calculated to protect their own interests. Count Terauchi, Governor-General of Corea, therefore, met on January 23 a missionary of the American Presbyterian North Mission, at the latter's request, and explained the true aspect of the affair. In so far as an explanation was possible without encroaching on the requirements of the law court.

The Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Missions, refused to discuss the cablegram last night, saying that he had taken up the matter with the Japanese Embassy at Washington and had promised to make no comment until he heard from them what might be the results of their communication with Tokio. He also said, however, that he had not gone to Washington, as reported, to take up the matter with our Government, relying on the integrity and good faith of the Japanese.

TO TRY POLISH MONKS.

100 Witnesses Called in Pauline Monastery Murder and Robbery Case.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
VIENNA, Feb. 27.—The trial of Father Damazy Macoch and two other Pauline monks for stealing the jewels of the Black Virgin from the Roman Catholic cathedral at Czenstochau, Russian Poland, was opened at Petrikov to-day. It is likely to last a week, as over a hundred witnesses have been summoned.

This is the famous case which involves not only robbery but fratricide, the elopement of a monk with a dissolute woman and the organization of a dissolute circle of monks in the Pauline monastery. The jewels were stolen three years ago. Father Macoch and Helene Ostranska, a beautiful woman, disappeared about the same time and lived together in Moscow for a year.

The priest became anxious to get rid of the woman and married her to his brother. The woman told her husband about the robbery of the Black Virgin and the monk killed his brother, as he was afraid of being betrayed. He administered absolution to the man he was about to kill.

After the arrest of Macoch a thorough search was made of the monastery and it was found that systematic robbery had been carried on for years. The jewels have now been placed in charge of a new administrative force and several monks are to be tried for theft.

The woman, Ostranska, is also under arrest.

SHOT FROM FLYING CAR.

Police Killed in Traffic Throng in Paris—Anarchists Perhaps.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
PARIS, Feb. 27.—A high power automobile passed the St. Lazare station through the dense traffic to-day at terrific speed. A policeman attempted to stop the car, whereupon the occupants fired at him and the gendarme was fatally wounded. The car then continued on its way.

The police think the men were foreign anarchists who were driving a stolen machine or carrying away loot.

Peruvian Presidential Election.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LIMA, Peru, Feb. 27.—The Peruvian Government fixed the date to-day for the Presidential election for May 25. A successor to President Augusto B. Leguia, whose term expires in September, will be chosen.

BIG OLYMPIC SMASHES A PROPELLER BLADE

Hit Submerged Wreck or Spar in Voyage From New York to Southampton.

MAKES PLYMOUTH IN SAFETY

Passengers Barely Felt a Jar—Going to Belfast for Repairs—Will Only Lose a Day.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

PLYMOUTH, Feb. 27.—The Olympic arrived here to-night and reports all well. She lost one blade of her port propeller at 4:30 P. M. on February 24. The shock was felt throughout the ship, but it occasioned no serious alarm.

The Duke of Newcastle, who was one of the passengers, said the big ship swerved like a train rounding a curve.

Whitelaw Reid, the American Ambassador at London, is suffering from influenza and he remained in his cabin during most of the trip across.

The Olympic averaged 23 knots an hour before the accident and 21 knots afterward. She lost about twelve hours time altogether.

SOUTHAMPTON, Feb. 27.—The White Star liner Olympic, the largest steamship afloat, is finishing her voyage to this port in a more or less crippled condition as the result of an accident. Capt. E. J. Smith, her commander, sent the news by wireless early this morning to the White Star office here.

The wireless messages were not entirely clear as to the nature of the accident. The first messages said that the Olympic had struck a submerged derelict and had broken a propeller. Later the White Star officers said that they did not believe the liner had struck a derelict, but that she had merely thrown a blade.

The first message said that one of the Olympic's propellers had been broken and that she was otherwise damaged in the crash. Capt. Smith then said that he would have to go to Belfast, where the only drydock large enough to accommodate the big liner is situated.

A later message said that investigation had proved the damage was not so serious as at first feared, that only one blade of the propeller had been broken and that the Olympic would proceed under her own steam to her regular port.

After the Olympic has reached this port and discharged her passengers and cargo it is probable that she will be sent to Belfast to be drydocked for repairs. It is believed that her next sailing from here will be delayed only about a day.

At the office of the White Star Line in Bowling Green it was said that the reports of the accident to the Olympic were exaggerated; that she had merely torn off the blade of one of her wing propellers and was otherwise undamaged. She had run into submerged wreckage, or a drifting spar perhaps. The wireless

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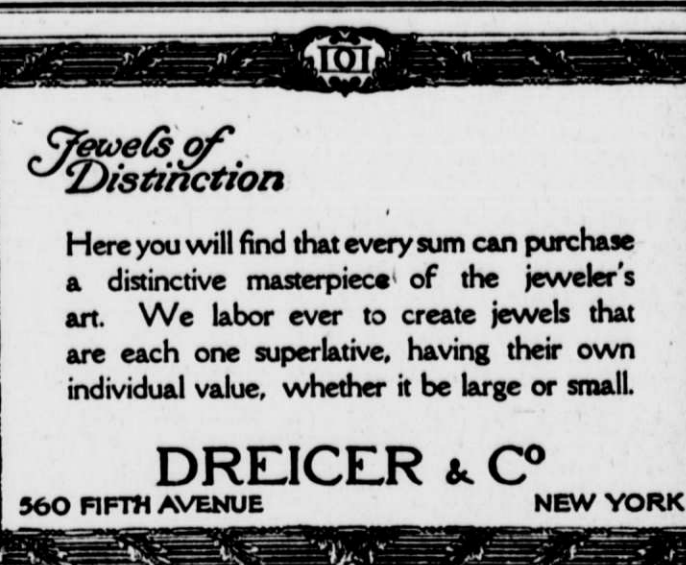
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message of her commander, Capt. Smith, said that she was proceeding at about twenty knots, practically her normal speed, and that she would stop at her usual ports, Plymouth, Cherbourg and Southampton, in the order named, as usual.

It was the impression at the local branch of the Hydrographic Office that the propeller blade might have been twisted off by contact with a drifting spar. The office chart showed a spar almost in the steamship lane reported last month by the Belgian steamship *Iris*, from Fernandina to London, about 310 miles west of the Lizard. The *Iris* passed this spar, which was about thirty feet long, on January 18. Its exact location was then

latitude 49° 50' longitude 13° 22'.

Among the Olympic's 549 cabin passengers, who sailed on board her from this port last Wednesday, were Whitelaw Reid, Ambassador to Great Britain; the Duke of Newcastle, James B. Duke, former president of the American Tobacco Company, and Mrs. Duke; Count Apponyi, *Oakleigh* Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Livingston, Miss Maggie Teyte, the opera singer; Post Wheeler, secretary of the American Embassy at Rome, and Mrs. Wheeler; Samuel Hopkins Adams, Col. Robertson Alkman and Col. Samuel Winslow.

In September last the Olympic was rammed by the British cruiser *Hawke* in the Solent and was out of commission two months making repairs.



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